2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 345


AN ACT to renumber and amend 302.27; to amend 20.410 (1) (ab); and to create 302.27 (2) of the statutes; relating to: work release for inmates in Department of Corrections contracted facilities.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
This bill permits inmates confined in county jails, county houses of correction, or tribal jails under a Department of Corrections contract with a local unit of government to leave the facility to participate in employment-related activities or any other activity that has been designated by DOC in its contract with the local unit of government.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.410 (1) (ab) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.410 (1) (ab) Corrections contracts and agreements. The amounts in the schedule for payments made in accordance with contracts entered into under ss. 301.21, 302.25, and 302.27 (1), contracts entered into with the federal government...
under 18 USC 5003, and intra-agency agreements relating to the placement of prisoners.

SECTION 2. 302.27 of the statutes is renumbered 302.27 (1) and amended to read:

302.27 (1) The department may contract with a local governments unit of government, as defined in s. 16.957 (1) (k), for temporary housing or detention in county jails or county houses of correction, or tribal jails for persons placed on probation or sentenced to imprisonment in state prisons or to the intensive sanctions program. The rate under any such contract may not exceed $60 per person per day. Nothing in this section subsection limits the authority of the department to place persons in jails under s. 301.048 (3) (a) 1.

SECTION 3. 302.27 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

302.27 (2) Inmates who are confined or detained under sub. (1) may be granted the privilege of leaving the facility during necessary and reasonable hours to engage in employment-related activities including seeking employment, engaging in employment training, working at employment, performing community service work, or attendance at an educational institution, or for any other activity designated in the contract under sub. (1). The sheriff or tribal chief of police, in conjunction with the department, shall determine inmate eligibility to participate in such activities and may terminate participation or return an inmate to state facilities, or both, at any time.